

Application No. 10/670,374
Supplemental Amendment dated June 1, 2007
Reply to Office Action of December 26, 2006

Docket No.: 0465-1036P

REMARKS

This Reply is supplemental to the Amendment filed March 23, 2007.

Claims 1, 4-7, 9-14, 16-24, 27-30, 33-37 and 39-42 are pending in the present application. Claims 1, 23 and 24 are independent.

The claims have been amended to clarify the invention and to correct minor informalities according to U.S. patent practice. For instance, the dependency of some claims have been corrected since previously they depended on cancelled claims. These modifications do not add new matter.

Interview Conducted

Applicants appreciate the Examiner for the personal interview conducted with Applicants' representative on May 24, 2007 and for the Interview Summary.

Without acquiescing to the Examiner's allegations made in the last Office Action to reject the claims, but to advance prosecution only, independent claims 1, 23 and 24 have now been amended to recite "recording the defect management information from the at least one temporary defect management area to the at least one final defect management area when the recording medium is finalized" to further define over the prior art including Takahashi, which was discussed during the interview as one of the distinguishing features of the present invention over Takahashi. Accordingly, independent claims 1, 23 and 24 and their dependent claims (due to the dependency) are allowable.

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CONCLUSION

In view of the above amendments and remarks, Applicant believes the pending application is in condition for allowance.

Should there be any outstanding matters that need to be resolved in the present application, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact Esther H. Chong Reg. No. 40,953 at the telephone number of the undersigned below, to conduct an interview in an effort to expedite prosecution in connection with the present application.

If necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies to charge payment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 02-2448 for any additional fees required under 37.C.F.R. §§1.16 or 1.14; particularly, extension of time fees.

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